

## Division's Historic Resources Exhibit 15

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**UTAH OGM COAL PROGRAM MEETING NOTES**

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**Date:** October 23, 2007  
**Time:** 9:00 am to 11:30 am  
**Location:** Office of Alton Coal Development, LLC in Cedar City, Utah  
**To:** Internal File, Coal Hollow Mine, C/025/0005  
**From:** Pamela Grubaugh-Littig  
**Attendees:** Matthew Seddon, State History  
Lori Hunsaker, PLPCO  
Matthew Zweifel, BLM, Kanab Field Office  
Keith Rigtrup, BLM, Kanab Field Office  
Foster Kirby, OSM  
Chris McCourt, Alton Coal Development, LLC  
Patricia Stavish, Montgomery Archeological Consultants (MOAC)  
Keith Montgomery, Montgomery Archeological Consultants (MOAC)  
Andrew Williamson, SWCA  
**Purpose:** Effectively Coordinate Section 106 and 9-8-404 Cultural Resource Requirements for the Proposed Coal Hollow Coal Mine Application and the BLM - Alton Coal Leasing EIS

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**MEETING SUMMARY:**

An onsite meeting with all of the above-noted participants was held at the proposed Coal Hollow Mine and the proposed area of the Lease by Application (LBA) for the Alton Coal project on the afternoon of October 22, 2007. In the field, the group visited four sites that had been surveyed by MOAC in 2005. Two of the sites were listed as eligible, the other two were not eligible.

The participants reconvened the next day, October 23, 2007, at the office of Alton Coal Development, LLC in Cedar City, Utah to discuss the best way to proceed with Section 106 and the State 9-8-404 permitting for the Coal Hollow Mine and proposed EIS for the Alton LBA. There was a discussion about the cultural surveys that had been completed by MOAC for the LBA and mine application in 2005 in the fee and federal areas.

The group discussed the best way to coordinate and effectively analyze the total package of cultural resources - an efficient way to approach the whole in a stepped process.

After lengthy discussion, several points were made.

- There should be a single document with steps outlined to cover both the fee area and the BLM action, while indicating that each action is separate.

- A Cultural Resource Management Plan (CRMP) will be produced which will have the research design with steps and be a "staged process" and must meet State Rule 9-8-404 and ultimately the federal BLM action for leasing.
- The CRMP would be considered a "living document"
- A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) would be an outcome of the CRMP
- Monitoring of the "fee" area would be considered a dry run for the bigger area
- Sites that are not clearly eligible, would be considered eligible (for the prehistoric sites)
- Public Input/Involvement is needed

MOAC would be able to do work at the site in March/April of 2008.

During the discussion, Chris McCourt stated that it is the intention of Alton Coal Development, LLC to proceed with the fee application regardless of the federal leasing action.

**ACTION ITEMS: (Include item, timeline, and responsible person.)**

- MOAC will take the lead on the CRMP for the entire area (both fee and federal)
- MOAC will provide Lori, Matt Seddon and Matt Zweifel with a draft outline of the CRMP soon.
- MOAC will finalize the cultural survey for the Coal Hollow Mine (fee area) soon. The mitigation plan and excavation permit will follow.
- Foster will draft the language for the MOA for parties to review
- Matt Zweifel will take the draft CRMP to the tribes for tribal consultation
- Lori will draft a generic letter to "interested parties" for the draft CRMP
- Matt Seddon will provide BLM and MOAC with sites on BLM land where he had questions regarding eligibility.
- Draft EIS is due in June 2008

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: (This section is intended to provide attendees the opportunity to contribute additional and significant information concerning the meeting content that may not have been mentioned during the meeting.)**

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